

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-17, 20-21 and 23-87 without prejudice.

Please amend the following claims 18 and 19:

18. (Amended) An antibody which specifically binds to [the protein according to claim 17] an isolated protein, comprising a TGF-beta binding-protein encoded by an isolated nucleic acid molecule selected from the group consisting of:

(a) an isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising sequence ID Nos., 1, 5, 9, 11, 13, or, 15, or complementary sequence thereof;

(b) an isolated nucleic acid molecule that specifically hybridizes to the nucleic acid molecule of (a) under conditions of high stringency; and

(c) an isolated nucleic acid that encodes a TGF-beta binding-protein according to (a) or (b).

19. (Amended) The antibody according to [claim 18] any one of claims 18 and 88-93 wherein said antibody is a monoclonal antibody.

Please add the following new claims 88-93:

88. The antibody of claim 18 wherein said isolated nucleic acid molecule encodes a protein comprising the sequence of SEQUENCE ID NO: 2.

89. The antibody of claim 18 wherein said isolated nucleic acid molecule encodes a protein comprising the sequence of SEQUENCE ID NO: 6.